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... RESULTING IN
AN ARMORED SUIT
CONSIDERABLY STRONGER
AND BETTER-EQUIPPED
THAN ANYTHING
PRODUCED BY
CORPORATE INDUSTRY...

NO ONE BUT
YOU COULD HAVE
CREATED A MATERIAL
WITH THAT KIND OF
TENSILE STRENGTH,
SHIELDS!

THE MAN'S
A GENIUS!

A TWISTED
GENIUS, IF YOU ASK
ME. HE SEEMS MORE
AT HOME WITH MACHINES
THAN WITH OTHER
HUMAN BEINGS.

I MAY BE NEW HERE, BUT I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYONE WHO LIKED BEING A HERMIT.
HAS ANYONE EVER TRIED REACHING
OUT TO HIM ONCE IN A WHILE?

REACHING OUT TO ETHAN
SHIELDS MIGHT BE A LITTLE
DIFFICULT, CARTER. BUT WHY
DON'T YOU VISIT HIS LAB...

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DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHIELDS IS AROUND JUST NOW--BUT THE GALANAD SUIT IS. WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS THING?!

"...AND SEE FOR YOURSELF?"

IT'S LIKE A KNIGHT FOR THE TWENTY-NINETIES! SHIELDS MUST HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR THE ROMANTIC DAYS OF YORE.

I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT HE'D MIND MY LOOKING AT IT. I MEAN, IT'S NICE TO HEAR THE THEORY BEHIND IT, BUT THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A HANDS-ON EXPERI--

PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THAT.

HUH? OH... I'M SORRY. DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANYONE THERE.

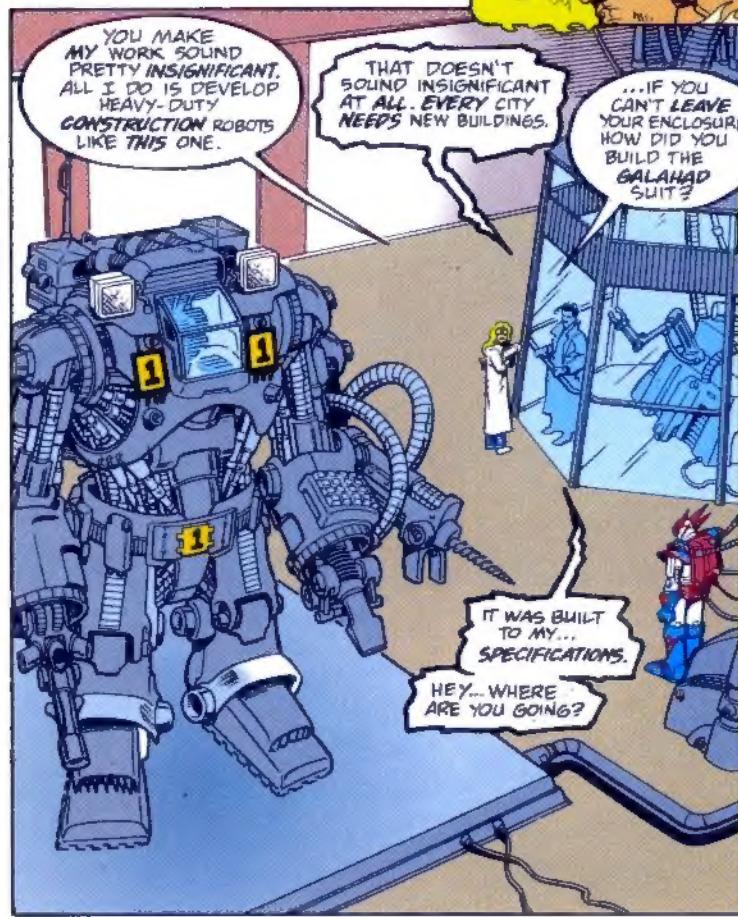
THERE ISN'T. I MEAN, THERE IS--BUT IT'S JUST ME. I'M ALWAYS HERE...UNFORTUNATELY.

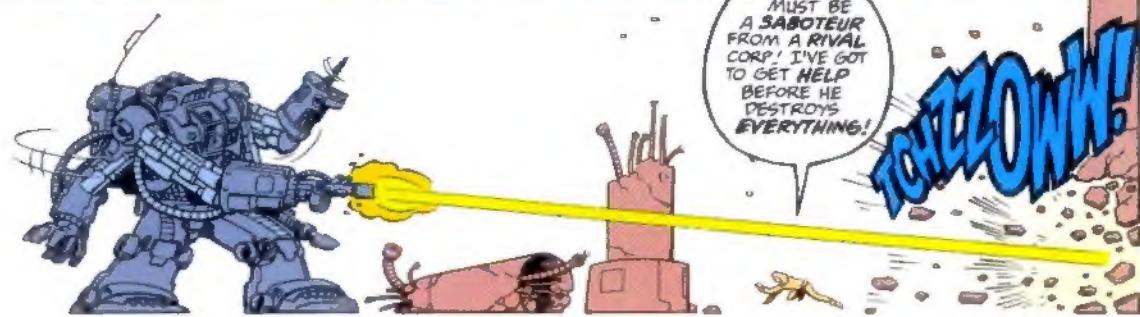
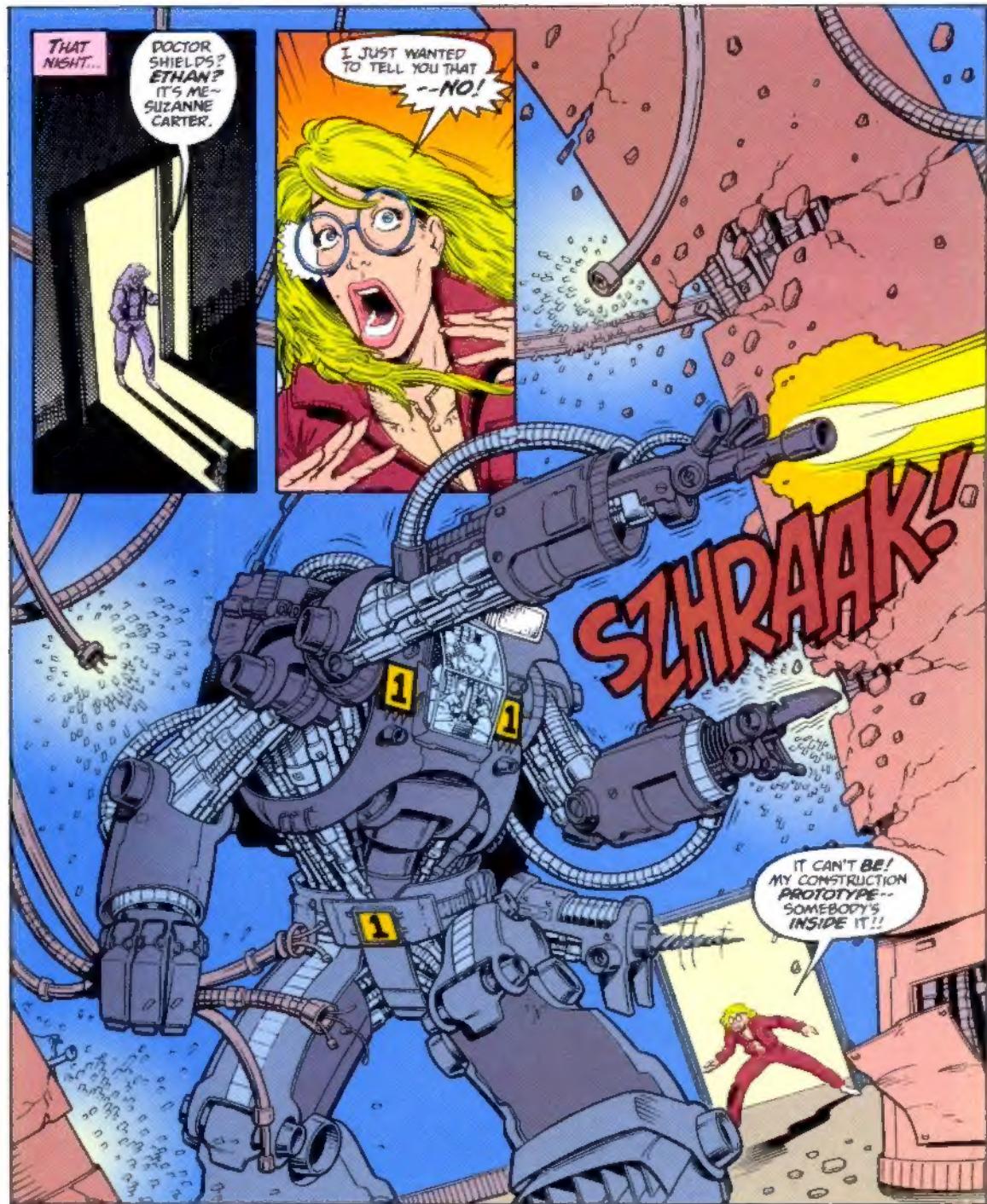
WAIT A MINUTE... YOU'RE ETHAN SHIELDS, AREN'T YOU? BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?

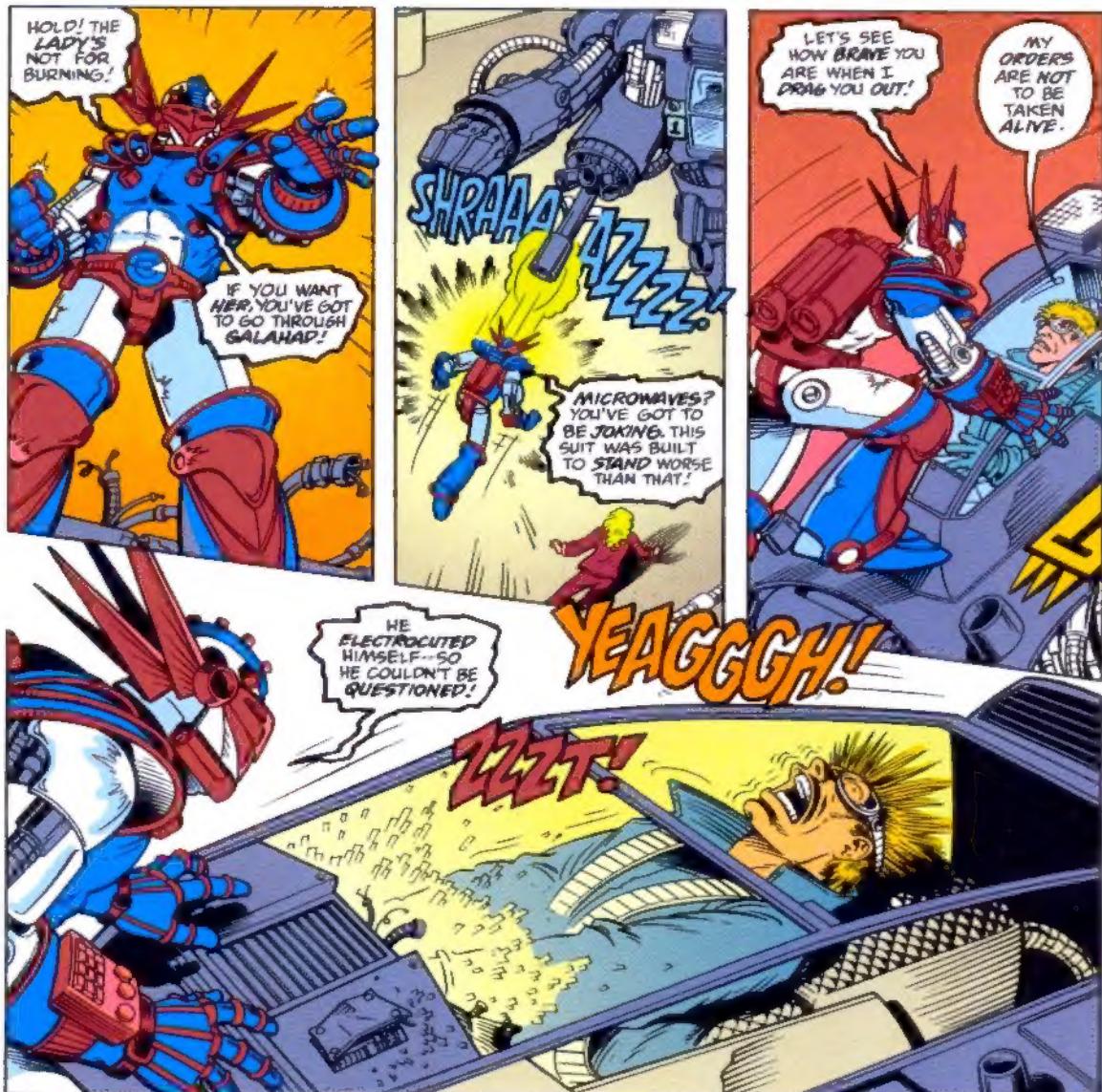
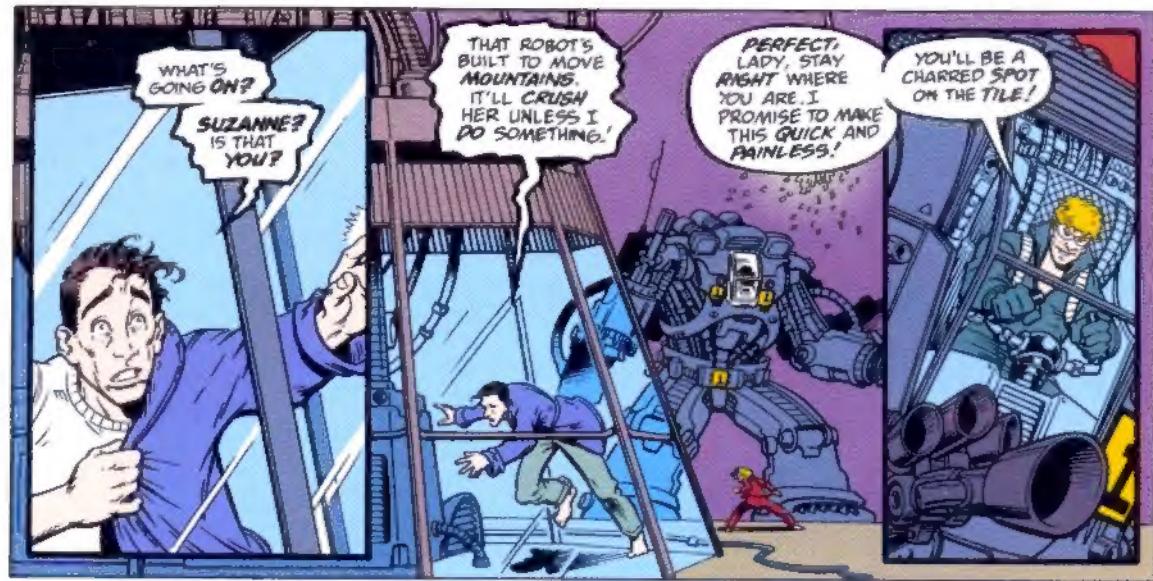
CAN'T HELP IT. I'VE GOT NO IMMUNE SYSTEM. NEVER DID. ONE STEP OUTSIDE THIS GERM-FREE ENVIRONMENT AND I COULD BE A DEAD MAN.

OF COURSE, IF I WAS RICH, THERE MIGHT BE OTHER OPTIONS. BUT I'M NOT, SO HERE I AM.

COM INPUT







UNFORTUNATELY,
THAT ELECTRICAL
CHARGE ACTIVATED
THE ROBOT'S
HEAVY-DESTRUCT
PROGRAM!

IT'LL CONTINUE ITS
RAMPAVE ON ITS OWN
--AND SUZANNE'S
RIGHT IN ITS PATH!

I CAN'T LET
ANYTHING
HAPPEN
TO HER!

IT FLUNG
ME ASIDE LIKE
SOME KIND OF
TOY!

SELF
DESTRUCT

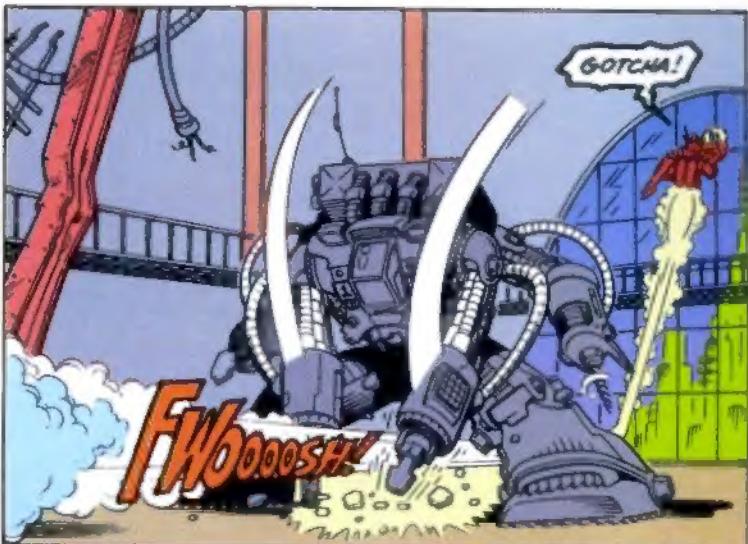
ETHAN!
WATCH
OUT!

CRUNCH!

UHHH!
THIS ARMOR
CAN TAKE WEAPONS
CHARGES... ENVIRONMENTAL
EXTREMES... BUT IT'S NOT
BUILT FOR A
CONTINGENCY LIKE
RAMPAGING ROBOTS!

STILL...
GOT TO FIND A
WAY TO BEAT IT...
FOR SUZANNE'S
SAKE!

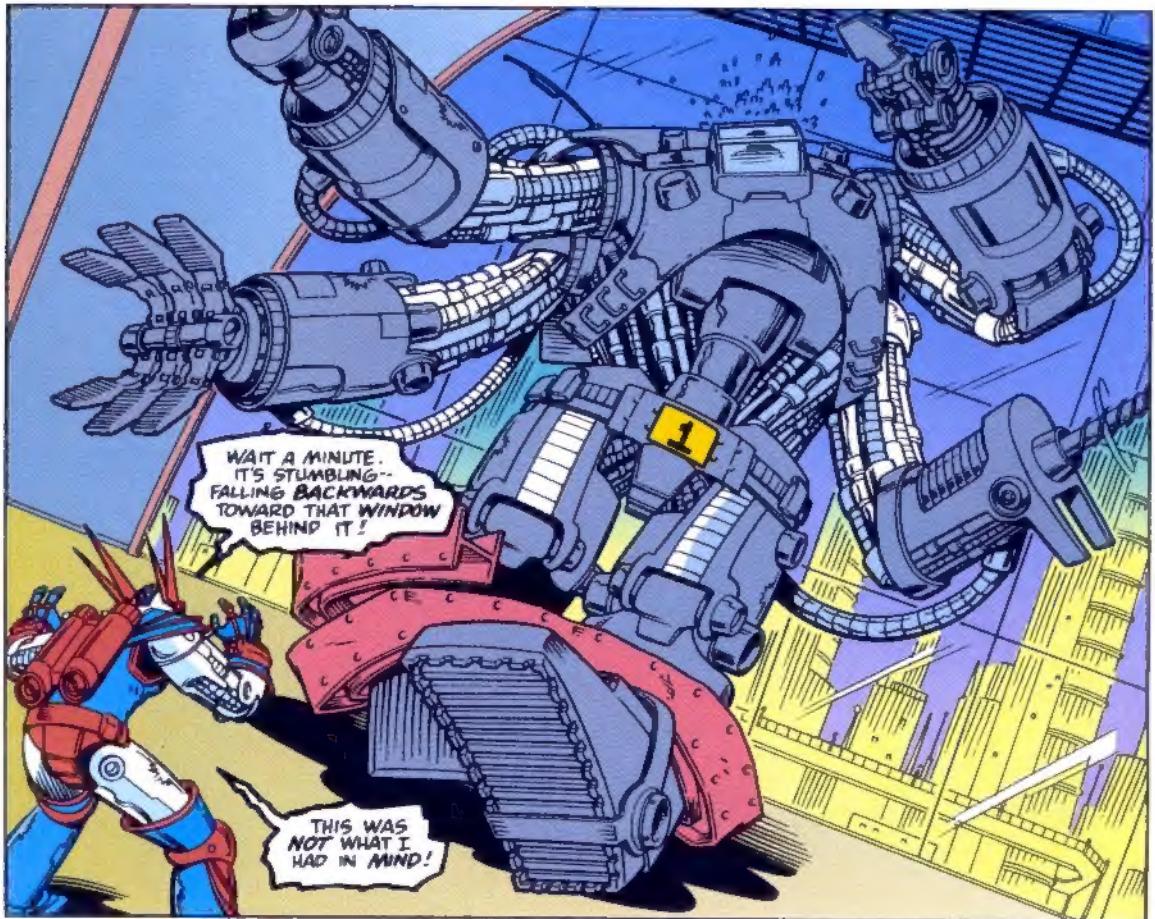
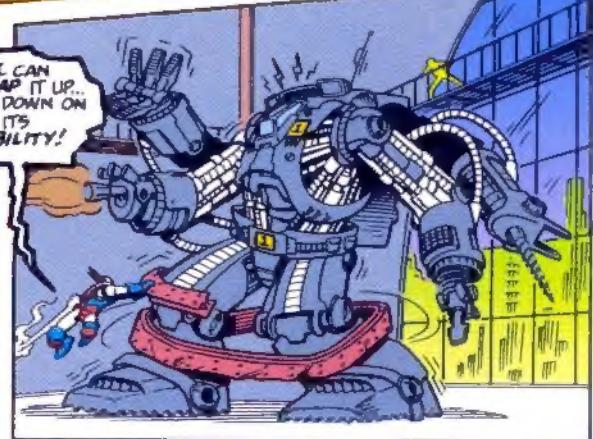
ETHAN...
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?
ETHAN?

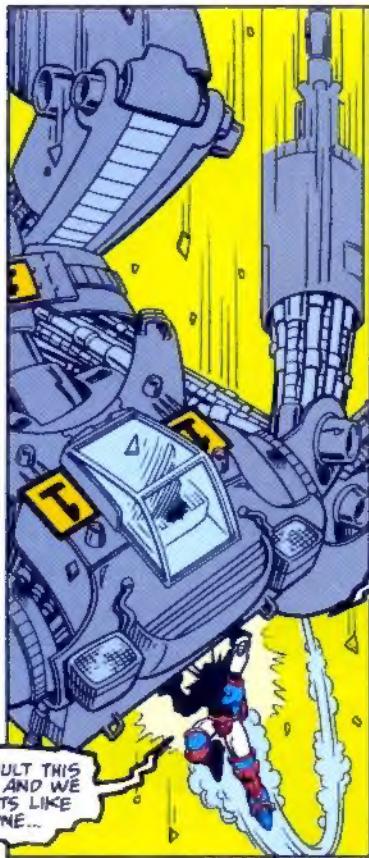


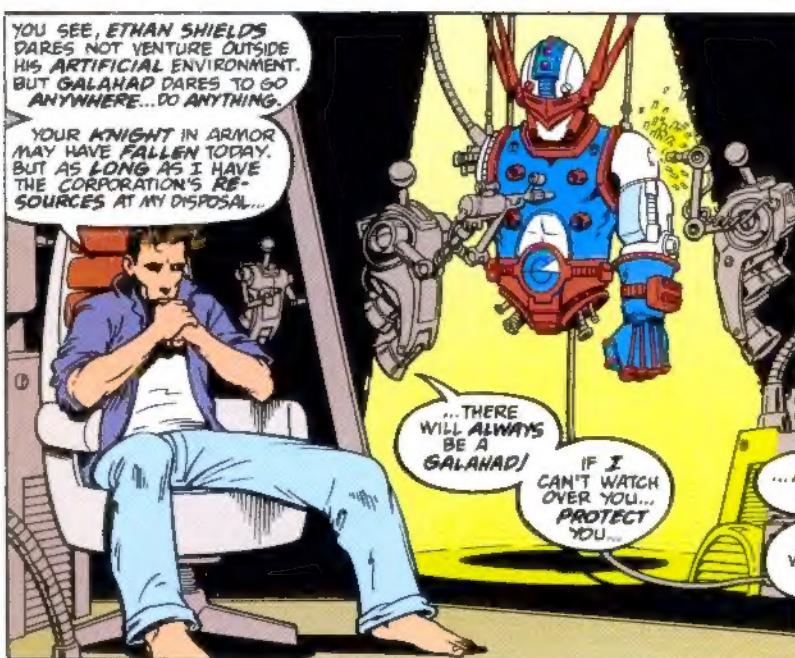
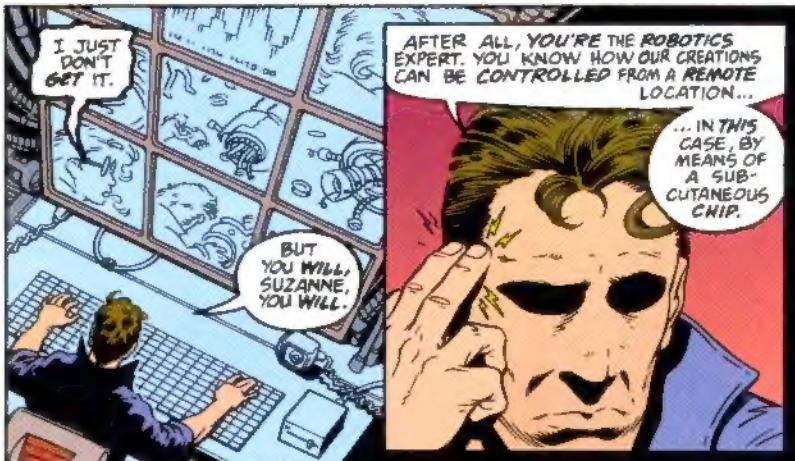
I CAN'T TACKLE THIS THING HEAD-ON-- IT'S TOO WELL-ARMORED FOR ME TO DO ANY REAL DAMAGE.



I CAN WRAP IT UP... CUT DOWN ON ITS MOBILITY!



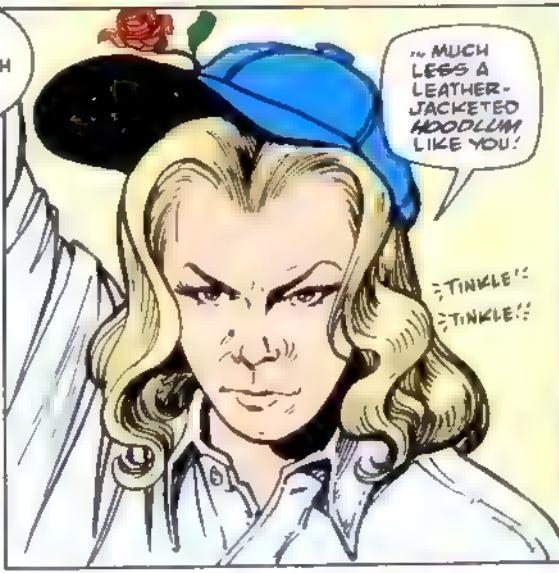






"THE MOST FATEFUL TRIP"

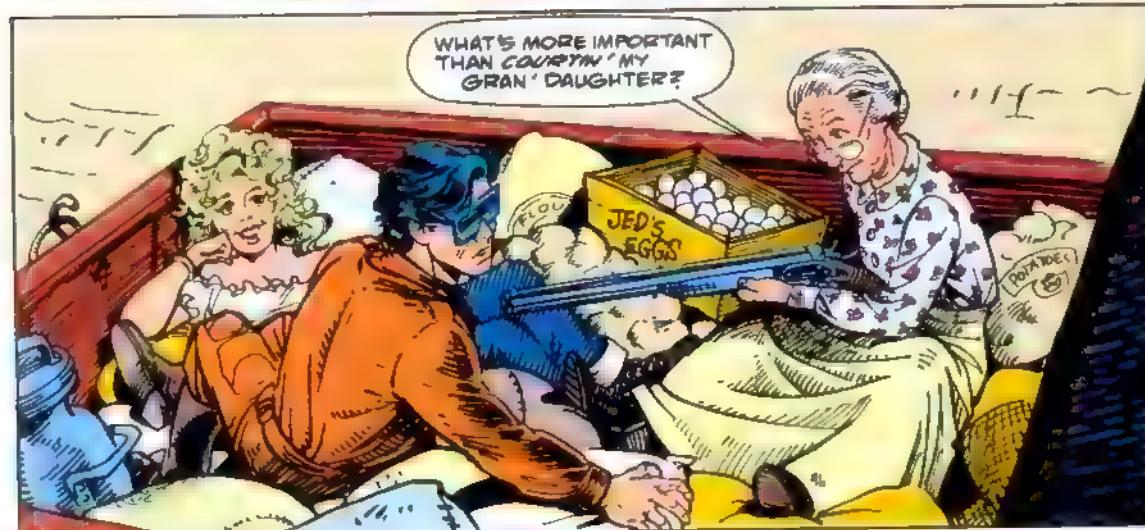
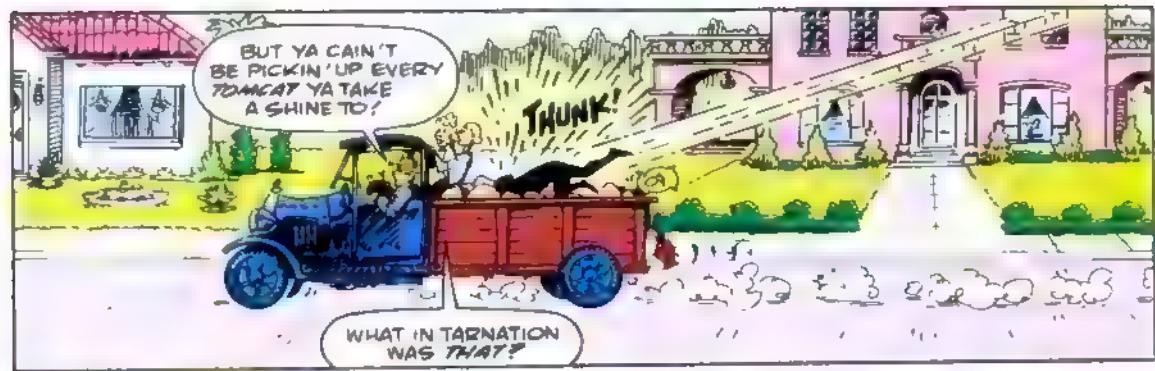
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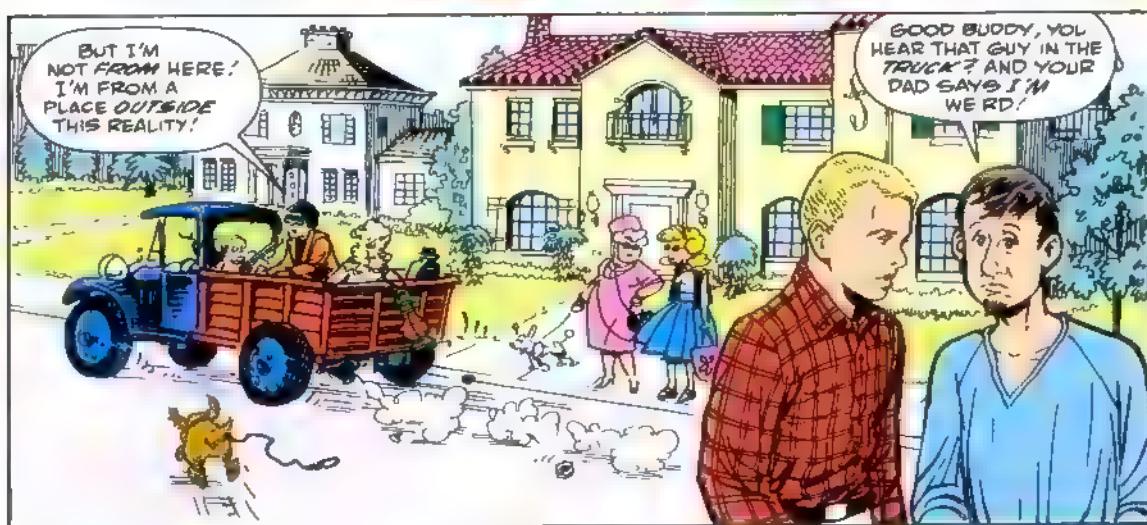
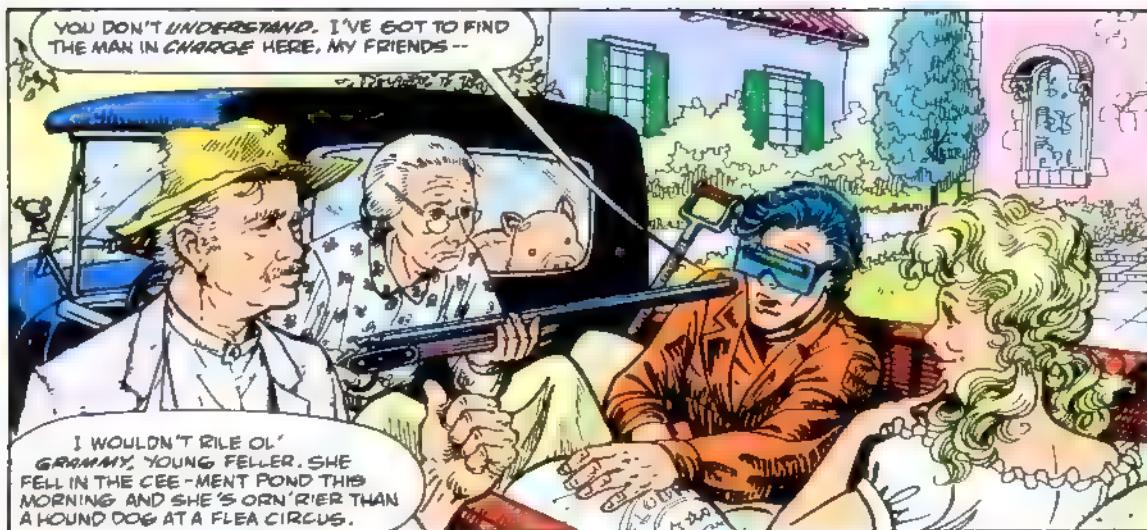


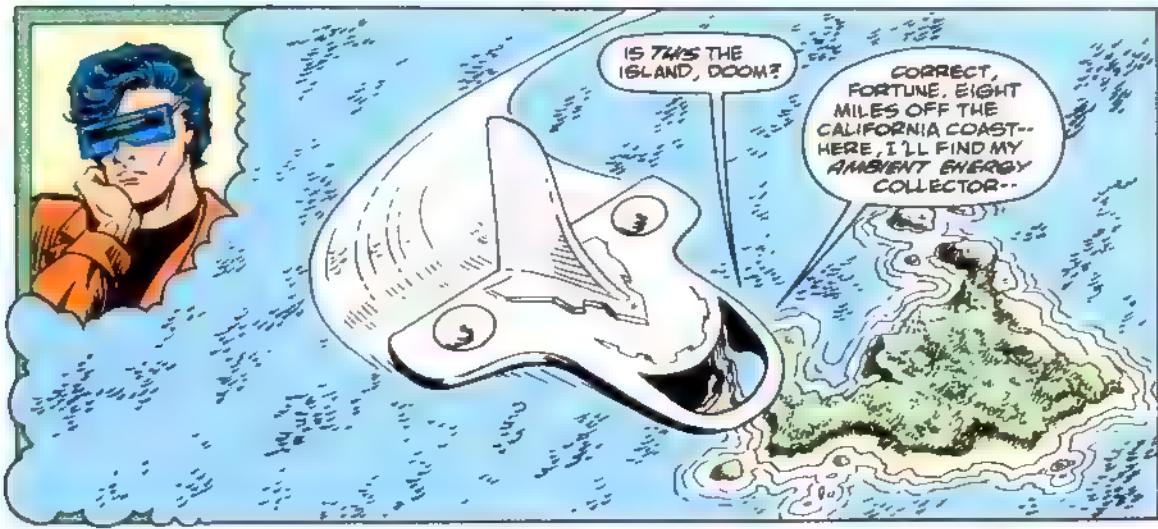












--A DEVICE MY SCIENTISTS DEVELOPED A CENTURY AGO...WHICH IN MINIATURIZED FORM CAN MAKE THE ZEFIRO GYPSIES' VEHICLES AND WEAPONS INSTANTLY SELF-CHARGING,



I'VE TRACED IT HERE BY VIRTUE OF A RARE ALLOY USED IN ITS MANUFACTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE I DIDN'T DEVELOP THE DEVICE MYSELF, I COULDN'T RECREATE IT FROM SCRATCH.

SELF-CHARGING? YOU MEAN THIS THING CAN ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR POWER SOURCES?



I'LL SECOND THAT NOTION!



